

ANNUAL REPORT

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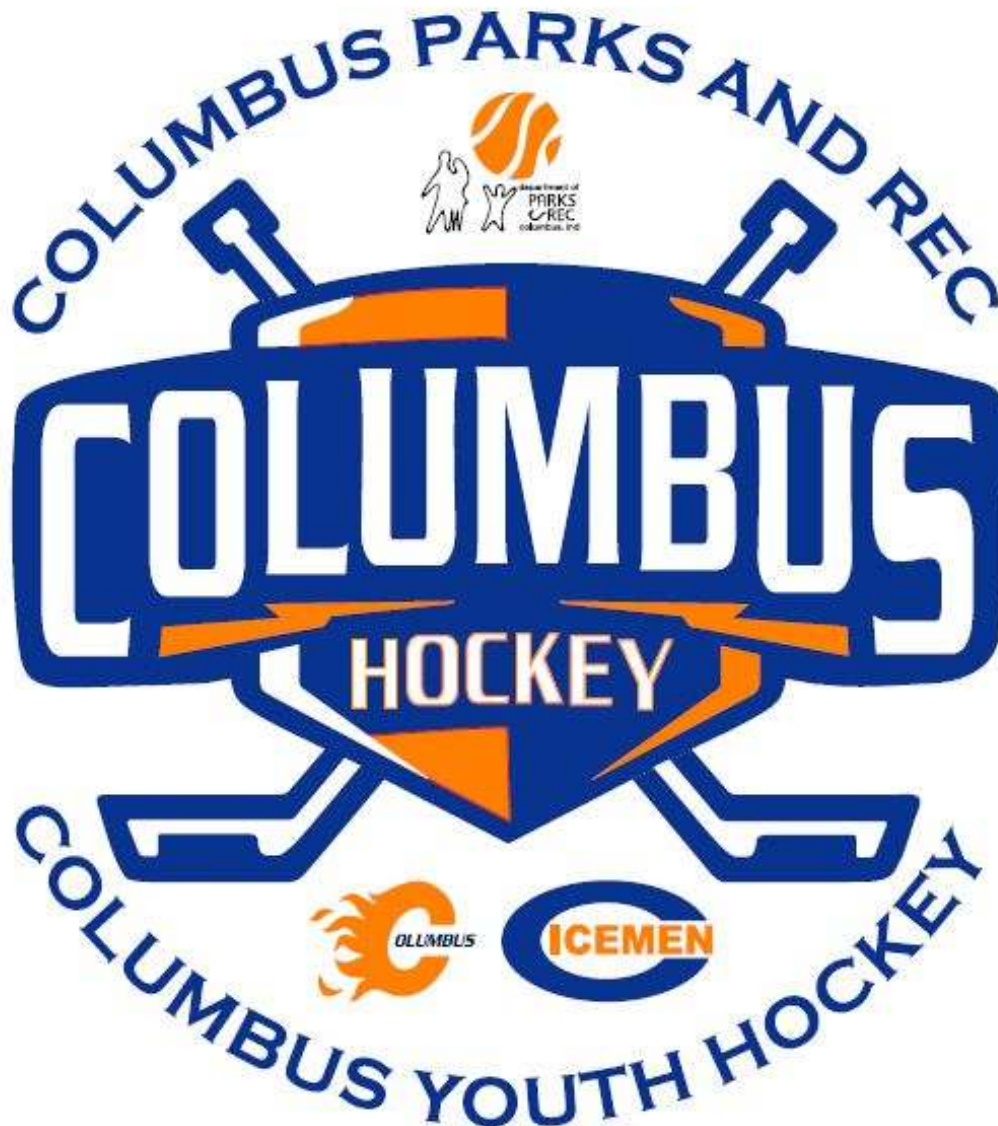


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VISION STATEMENT OF CYH

Enhancing the lives of the youth of our community through the sport of ice hockey.

“Individual awards are always great. You know, they show you that your hard work has paid off. But I'm in a team sport, right? So, winning the ultimate trophy as a team is more important at the end of the day.”

-Leon Draisaitl - German born player in the National Hockey League

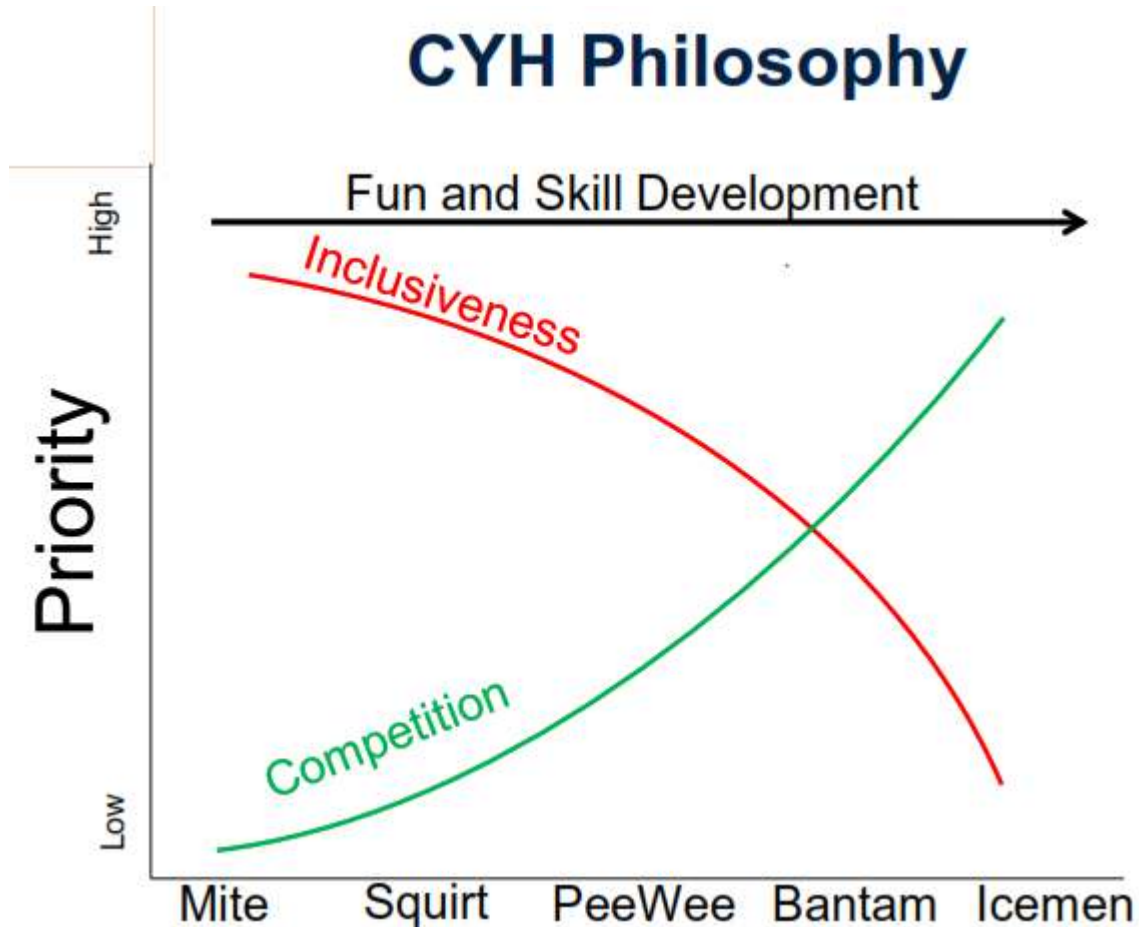
MISSION STATEMENT

To develop and maintain the skills necessary to compete at the various age-appropriate levels in a fun, challenging atmosphere that fosters: growth, retention, sportsmanship, and fun.



PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Fun and skill development are the focal points starting at 8U hockey. As the child progresses through the age spectrum from Mite through High School, competitiveness gradually increases, while inclusiveness generally decreases.



ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CYH Member Athletes have access during the hockey season to the CYH [Athlete Assistance Program \(AAP\)](#) at no cost. The AAP was created as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to address the negative impacts associated with de-socialization and the de-structuring of athlete's normal day to day routines - no in-person school, no lunch time with buddies, no recess, no structure - and its unknown impact on our young athletes.

The service is completely anonymous, and an athlete can receive up to three (3) one-hour counseling sessions through the AAP to discuss challenges facing an athlete. The AAP remained an active option for CYH athletes during 2022-2023.

Due to a tragic event that occurred during the 2022-2023 season, we did have membership take advantage of the AAP. For that, the CYH Board of Directors is thankful for our associated therapist providing services to the organization and for members having the courage to take advantage of the services offered.

Nomination of Directors for Election at the Corporation's 2023 Annual Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, after deliberation, has determined that the following persons be nominated for election as Directors of CYH (the "Corporation") by the Congress of Participants pursuant to Article FIFTH of the Corporation's By-Laws at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Congress, to serve until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified and for a term of office expiring at the Corporation's Annual Meeting of Congress as set forth herein below:

Paul Barringer – President (exp. 2026),
 Amber Wallace – Secretary (exp. 2026),
 Angie Ferguson – Registrar (exp. 2026).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remaining Board of Directors shall continue to serve until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified and for the remaining term of office expiring at the Corporation's Annual Meeting of Congress as set forth herein below:

Ryan Larsh – Vice-President (exp. 2025),
 Isaac Coy – ACE Coordinator (exp. 2025),
 Shawna Netser – Special Events (exp. 2025),

Dave Jamerson – Hockey Operations-Equipment/Apparel (exp. 2024),
 Jarod Buchta – Treasurer (exp. 2024),
 Steve Long – Hockey Operations-Scheduling (exp. 2024).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Meeting of Congress shall make elections for At-Large Director nominations and the Board of Directors shall decide whether to empanel nominated At-Large Directors onto the CYH Board. Consideration shall be given to the needs of the CYH Board, factoring in the then existing number of Board members and whether additional At-Large members are required to sustain a healthy Board composition. The Board shall not be required to empanel At-Large nominees.

2022-2023 FOCUS

Overview

- Improved Communications-Always
- Recruitment and Retention-Growth to Maintenance Phase
- Partnership with Columbus Parks & Recreation
- Sportsmanship & Zero Tolerance
- Alumni Initiatives
- Goalie Pipeline
- Diversity

COMMUNICATIONS

- An ongoing goal of the Board is to increase CYH's social media presence organization wide. We realized as an organization that social media provides us the opportunity to connect, engage and communicate with our families and the community.
- CYH has been using both Instagram and Facebook platforms to communicate, inform, share team accomplishments and stats, advertise events, as well as post fun hockey-related content- while increasing awareness of our organization and brand.
- <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusHockey/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/columbusyouthhockey/>
- CYH again leveraged strong relationships with The Republic for print media coverage.
- As always, CYH encourage our membership to use social media in a responsible manner that drives brand awareness, reinforces CYH accomplishments, and shares the world of hockey in a positive light.
- CYH also seeks routine points of engagement with membership and strives to proactively communicate important upcoming events.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- Eleven (11) Travel Teams, 20% increase over 2022-2023 (CYH has almost tripled in size since the 2015-2016 season!)
- 14% increase in player participation this season over 2022-2023, 3% increase over prior season.
- 97% Retention Rate (excluding out-of-state relocations and high school districting limitations).



PARTNERSHIPS

- Fischer Hockey - Discounts on team stick orders through CYH Hockey Operations/Equipment management.
- Acceleration Indiana - Discounts on hockey treadmill training for CYH Members.
- Chipotle - Revenue generating fundraisers.
- Kroger Rewards - Link your Kroger Card to CYH, then all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to CYH based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.
- Amazon Smile - Through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to CYH as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.
- HCCIA - CYH has an ongoing, invested partnership with Hamilton Center Community Ice Arena. We continue looking for ways to foster our HCCIA relationship.
- RaiseRight- By using gift cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses, each participant in your program can earn over \$1,000 each year. No selling. No extra time. No extra money. There's a reason it's been a top fundraiser for schools, churches, bands, sports teams, scouts, and many others for more than 25 years.

SPORTSMANSHIP & ZERO TOLERANCE

Youth sports are a great opportunity for a child to build self-esteem and learn fundamental skills. It is also an opportunity for adults to become positive role models and to teach the value and importance of good sportsmanship. Our priority is development, not winning. Our club philosophy is long term player development, and again, winning is not the only goal. CYH wants you to enjoy the great game of hockey, and we are providing this information to assist n gaining a greater understanding of player development and the game of hockey.

Incidents involving aggressive and unacceptable behavior towards players, parents, coaches and referees has increased in recent years, leading CYH to adopt a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents and other supporters and referees effective immediately. Drinking excessive alcohol, smoking (including vaping), or use of illegal substances is prohibited during CYH practices, games, or events. Abusive and obscene language, violent play, violent conduct, fighting, and other behavior (including but not limited to sarcasm, gesturing, taunting, etc.) will not be tolerated during any CYH event. Ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players, parents and spectators resides with the CYH membership.

It is the responsibility of the CYH Members to provide referee support and positive spectator interactions. This policy applies at all times prior to, during, and after games, practices or other team events, at the hockey rink, team hotels and/or other facilities supporting or hosting events in which CYH membership is participating.

2022-2023 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE SUMMARY

- One (1) formal complaint filed against a CYH team, investigation closed through amicable resolution between parties with no further action required.
- One (1) match penalty situation, CYH Player accepted the offer of compromise from Mid Am Hockey.
- Two (2) Safesport Complaints, one (1) resolved with letter of admonishment, one (1) dismissed for lack of prosecution.
- We lodged one (1) complaint against the parent of another organization for inappropriate parents/child interactions following a game.

GOALIE PIPELINE

2022-2023 Season Highlights included onboarding of two (2) goalie coaches (Chuck Fry and Braden Phelps) to replace the void left by the relocation of CYH's last partnered goalie coach. We implemented dedicated, goalie specific training utilizing both small ice and regular practice ice touches.

CYH additionally partnered with the Bloomington Blades organization to provide additional ice time opportunities for our 14U goalies due to Bloomington's inability to roster a 14U goalie. Feedback from both organizations was positive and the experiment reinforced a different lens through which to view developmental opportunities.

Overall Commentary

- Received well and great participation by many goalies!
- Good examples of "Shut-Out" games across the teams
- Coach Phelps (1st season coach) - commented loved this involvement and "wants more"

CYH Goalie Focus (Squirts, Peewee, Bantam)

- Approx. 7-10 goalies in any one week
- Large ice practices (Fry & Phelps supporting Team Practices)
- Emphasis on warm-ups, monitor/critique goalies during full team practices and scrimmages
- Carry observations from practice and game input to small ice sessions.
- Small ice focus practices (Fry & Phelps, support by Iceman goalie (Blanz))
- Returning Goalies focus - 2x per month in Nov-Feb
- *Target recommendation - move to 4x per month for 2023-2024 season.*

New Goalies Focus (1st yr. Squirt, 8U Mites, Girls, House)

- Approx. 14-15 goalies throughout season (including 2 girls)
- Small ice sessions - weekly - rotating groups every other week.
- One (1) House goalie moved into Squirts mid-season!

Clinics

- Coaches to work out 2-3 weekend clinics in summer/pre-season.

ALUMNI INITIATIVES

During 2022, CYH resumed its Annual Icemen Alumni Game, typically held the last weekend of each December. The event was very well attended for our Young Guns, graduates from 2010-2022. The Legends showed up in smaller numbers, because many are on crutches or in wheelchairs, but for graduates from 1974-2009, the old timers battled to a well-deserved 6-6 tie game. Odd-numbered Young Guns cleaned house, 13-5. The Alumni Committee has re-created all rosters (exc. four) from 1975-present for its record keeping purposes. We continue to evaluate the best path forward for Alumni-based initiatives.

Legends



Young Guns



DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

CYH formed a new Diversity Committee, the goal of which is to increase CYH membership in non-traditional groups underrepresented in the sport of ice hockey.

The Committee has been tasked with two (2) main areas of focus;

- 1) Talent attraction and acquisition - diversity growth in players and coaching staff (minorities and females)
- 2) Disciplinary and Corrective Actions - Education of the CYH membership, how best to protect our CYH Members from stereotypes and inappropriate behaviors

CYH continues to be a leader of Indiana Hockey Organizations on matters that are being considered by our National Governing Body, USA Hockey/Mid-Am Hockey and taking steps to provide the Membership with first in class awareness and support.

Our Diversity Committee completed translations of marketing materials directed to our Hispanic population to activate greater involvement. CYH engaged two local minority hockey players to attend a Try Hockey for Free event and spread the good word of ice hockey and encourage a broader participation within our diverse community. Much work remains to be done and dedicated volunteers are always welcome to assist.

AT LARGE APPOINTMENTS

The At-Large Members nominated by the membership for consideration by the CYH Board for the 2023-2024 season are:

Natasha Orgass

Brian Payne

Pursuant to CYH Bylaws, Section 3.1.1, The CYH Board of Directors shall consider At-Large Director nominations and shall decide whether to empanel At-Large Directors onto the CYH Board. Consideration is given to the needs of the CYH Board, factoring in the then existing number of Board members and whether additional At-Large members are required to sustain a healthy Board composition. The Board shall not be required to empanel At-Large nominees.

At Large Appointments will be voted upon by the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Fuel the Flame Planning Committee
2. Communications Committee
3. Coaching Committee
4. Diversity Committee
5. Team Management Roles
6. Game Support (Scorekeeping, music, penalty box, locker rooms)
7. Alumni Events
8. Golf Outing Fundraisers
9. Officiating (requires certification)
10. Try Hockey for Free, and many others

Please send your inquiry to:

Columbusyouthhockeyboard@gmail.com

or stop a Board Member at the rink.

2023-2024 CYH TRAVEL TRYOUTS

High School (Icemen & Prep):

Tues May 9, 2023

6:15-8:45 pm

Thurs May 11, 2023

6:15-8:45 pm

10U-14U:

Tues May 16, 2023

10U - 5:45-6:45 pm

12U - 7:00-8:00 pm

14U - 8:15-9:15 pm

Weds May 17, 2023

10U - 5:45-6:45 pm

12U - 7:00-8:00 pm

14U - 8:15-9:15 pm

Thurs May 18, 2023

10U - 5:45-6:45 pm

12U - 7:00-8:00 pm

14U - 8:15-9:15 pm

AWARDS



DARVIN APPEL-HOUSE LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR

The Columbus Youth Hockey House League Coach of the Year Award is given to a CYH volunteer who went above and beyond normal participation. This person is heavily involved in the CYH organization and is active in the growth and development of the CYH organization at the house league level.

- **2022-2023 Recipient is Kent Hawley**

HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The House League Player of the Year Award is given to the participant who embraces the sport of hockey in House League in a positive, hardworking, and fun way.

- **2022-2023 Recipient is Mason Howell**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Columbus Youth Hockey Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a CYH volunteer who went above and beyond normal participation. This person is heavily involved in the CYH organization and is active in the support, growth and development of the CYH organization.

- **2022-2023 Recipient is Amber Wallace**

CHRIS HAHN MEMORIAL AWARD

Chris spent his formative years on the ice at Lincoln Center where he helped create many of the traditions which are on-going today. At an early age, Chris chose hockey as his sport and worked hard to capitalize on his abilities and maximize his skill level. Chris lived each moment to its fullest and took great pride in everything he did.

He loved people and the things he did whether he was on the ice, at home, at school, or among friends. Additionally, he listened and applied what he heard, not only to his game, but to his other life activities as well.

The initial Columbus record books were written by Chris and his brother Eric. One of the major highlights of his high school hockey years was the Icemen's second place win in the 1977 Indiana State High School Hockey Championships. Chris completed his hockey career as a four-year letterman for the Icemen graduating in 1978. While returning to Michigan State during his freshman year of college he was killed in an automobile accident.

Chris will always be remembered with a smile on his face, a warm spot in his heart and an ear to the world. The Chris Hahn Memorial Award is given annually to a Columbus Youth Hockey Team or Individual Player in his memory.

JIM HENDERSON AWARD

Jim Henderson was involved in Columbus Youth Hockey for many years, dating to the early 70's when his three sons Jim, John, and Jeff played in the CYH program. During Jim's tenure with CYH, he was President of the CYH Board and coached several teams. Under his leadership CYH grew substantially. Jim was instrumental in the original campaign in 1976 to enclose the rink, allowing for year-round programming. Jim also co-chaired the facility restoration project in 2014.

The Jim Henderson Award honors a CYH volunteer, who over the years, displays continuous long-term support of and commitment to CYH. In addition to, and even more important than tenure, the honoree must also embody Jim's passion for continued growth of the CYH program and development of its players through innovative thinking, strong leadership, hard work and respect.

TRAVEL TEAMS

8U – ORANGE



**Not Pictured: Santiago Perez, Coach Brent Dunn*

2023 Howlin' Mite Classic White Division Champions

Owensboro Tournament Champions

Undefeated in Bloomington, Danville, South Indy Jamborees

Remaining Tournament: South Bend Irish Cup March 10-12

8U – BLUE



Howlin' Mite Classic Blue Division Champions

Undefeated in South Indy Jamboree

Remaining Tournament: South Bend Irish Cup March 10-12

10U - GILL



Great Lakes Tournament Champions
Gateway Tournament Champions
2022 Great Lakes Winter Classic Runner-Up
Holland, Michigan

10 – HAWLEY



Hockeytown Presidential Power-Play Tournament Runner-Up

2nd Place Finish Regular Season Buckeye 10U-B – West

Buckeye League Tournament Runner-Up, Upper B Division

Season Record: 18-13-2

GF=122 / GA=80

10U - SIMS



Ann Arbor Big Chill Champs

St. Louis Gateway Finalists

Buckeye EOS Tournament Finalists

Season Record: 23-16-7

12U – DUNN



Great Lakes Classic Tournament A Champions

Scruffy City Tournament B Finalist

Buckeye League Tournament, Bronze Champions

Season Record: 15-16-10

12U – LARSH



AA Outdoor Winter Wonderland Classic Champions

St. Louis Gateway AA Tournament Champions

Undefeated in Buckeye League Regular Season

AA Buckeye Hockey League Tournament Champions

Season Record: 26-9-5

14U - HOOTEN



*not pictured Keegan Bishop, Kaitlyn Nester, Griffen Mudd, and Coach Chris Tuttle

Season record 20-17-4, 122 GF, 100 GA, 9 shutouts

All skaters had at least 1 goal and 1 assist

2023 Chicago Tournament Finalist

Beat all Buckeye A Bronze teams at least once

Buckeye Tournament 4th place

14U - TYNER



*Not pictured Uriah Oliphant

BTHL regular season best record Bantam A
2023 BTHL number 1 seed in Bantam AA bracket
2022 Big Chill Detroit Bantam A Finalist
Season Record: 28-7-3

ICEMEN PREP - CONATSER



Inaugural Columbus Icemen Prep Season
Graduated Senior Erik Zhang
Assisted Icemen Varsity in Cheapskates and Hockey
for Heroes Fundraiser
Season Record: 4-19-0

ICEMEN - COY



- Season Record: 20-14-4
- Owensboro Rampage Tournament Champions
- 5th overall in the Hoosier league Championship Division
- 20th overall in the State
- 2nd in Academic Achievement with 3.59 team GPA
- Five Seniors on the All-State Academic Team
- Winner of the Mike Sells Mental Attitude Award (John Merritt)

UPCOMING EVENTS

As the 2022-2023 hockey season comes to a close, and we start to look ahead toward next season, we remind the Membership that Coaching Applications for 2023-2024 are now open until **MARCH 31, 2023!** CYH will be accepting applicants for all age groups (10U - High School) listed within the application. If you would like to dedicate your time and talents to giving back to our local youth hockey program, we encourage you to **APPLY HERE** today!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBHLR2vezEs2qGYNt7-yOTvPXUBJx_oMCMI5tqIN6bPiDJg/viewform

Please share the application link with anyone you know that might be interested in supporting the next generation of hockey-loving kids.

Thank you for your time and interest in making our program successful.



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Sidney Crosby



Tyler Johnson



Seth Jones

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Please Forward Flyer to ALL Hockey Association Players, Members, Friends, Coaches, Etc.

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Columbus, IN • 6-Session Summer '23 Clinic: Power Skating, Power Moves & Speed w/ the Puck

Hamilton Ice Arena • July 27, 28 & 30, 2023 (Thu, Fri & Sun) • Total On-Ice: 7 Hours

Discount Tuition: \$365 (It was \$405! >> A Savings of \$40!!) • Hurry & Register...Space is Limited!!

Group A (Squirt/U10, Pee Wee/U12, Bantam/U14, Midget/U16 & HS):

Thu: 5:30-6:40 pm, Ice Cut, & 6:50-8:00 pm • Fri: 9:00-10:10 am, Ice Cut, & 10:20-11:30 am • Sun: 4:00-5:10 pm, Ice Cut, & 5:20-6:30 pm

Mite/U8 Travel Level Players CAN ENROLL Too • Boys & Girls • Players Split by Age/Level for Skill & Station Training

To Register: www.columbusparksandrec.com

Questions: Contact Carleen Fry (812) 376-2686 or cfry@columbus.in.gov

NHL TEAMS & PROSPECTS COACHED:



WWW.ROBBYGLANTZ.COM

**NHL NETWORK'S
SKATING EXPERT!**



Upcoming Events!

Learn to Play Hockey

Learn to Play Hockey is back on Saturdays (May 20—October 7) 4:15-5:15. Some sessions may be cancelled due to special events. We are in need of helpers and volunteers.

Columbus Hockey Camp

June 5-9 or June 12-16 | \$250 | Ages 6-12

Our Columbus Hockey Camp hosted by Mike Norton will be back this year! This camp emphasizes the skills of skating and puck control. Registration will begin April 3rd!

Robby Glantz Clinic

July 27th 28th & 30th

Robby Glantz hockey camp focuses on technique speed training, acceleration, and explosive starts! Come train with a skating coach of the NHL stars!

Group Lessons

Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena's group skating lessons follow the U.S. Figure Skating Association's Skate with US program which is a beginning skating program that is fun, challenging and rewarding. The program will also enable skaters of all ages to learn the fundamentals of skating and begin a lifetime commitment to health and fitness.

Summer House League

Join our in house youth hockey program.

Season is May 30-July 25. Summer House League will be 5:45-6:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays only! League will consist of 30 minutes practice and 30 minutes cross ice games!

Edgework Classes

Edgework class focuses on the fundamentals of ice skating edgework specifically for the sport of hockey.

Intermediate Low (Ages 8-11) | Wednesdays
May 31—July 26 | 5:45-6:15p.m.

Intermediate High (Ages 12-16) Wednesdays
May 31—July 26 | 6:15-6:45p.m.

Summer Public Sessions

Friday Nights 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Saturday Afternoons 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

